

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 are amended for clarity and consistency, claim 7 is amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied reference, and claim 12 is added. The amendments are supported by at least Figs. 38a-38c, 39a and 41a.

Two Office Actions, both with mailing dates of April 5, 2006, were received by Applicants' representative. In an April 26 telephone conference with Examiner Ton, Applicants' representative was informed that the Office Action asserting the double-patenting rejection was to be acted on by Applicants, and superceded the Office Action indicating the allowance of claims 1-3 and 6. Accordingly, this Amendment responds to the April 5, 2006 Office Action that includes a double-patenting rejection.

**I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112**

The Office Action rejects claim 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as purportedly being indefinite. Claim 5 is rejected because of its dependency on claim 4. By this Amendment, claim 4 has been amended for clarity. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

**II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

The Office Action rejects claims 7-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shirota (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,576). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Shirota fails to disclose a liquid crystal display with a plurality of color filters that continuously extend beyond the area of each of a plurality of dots, as recited in independent claim 7. Figs. 1A-1B of Shirota show color filters R, G and B extending over several light-transmitting areas 7, but spaces remain between color filters R, G and B. Shirota's color filters R, G and B therefore do not continuously extend beyond the area of each light-transmitting area 7.

To the extent that the Office Action relies on Fig. 2A of Shirota, Applicants respectfully submit that Shirota fails to disclose a liquid crystal display having a plurality of color filters that are separated from each other by a substantially uniform pitch, as recited in independent claim 7. As shown in Fig. 2A of Shirota, the unidentified color filters are not separated from each other by a substantially uniform pitch, as each blank area has a positional deviation generating blank areas 40. See Shirota at col. 4, lines 56-64.

In view of the foregoing, the applied reference fails to disclose all of the features recited in independent claim 7 and the dependent claims thereof. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

### **III. Provisional Double Patenting Rejection**

The Office Action provisionally rejects claims 1-11 because of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 30-31 of U.S. Application 10/995,176. The rejection is respectfully traversed. By this Amendment, the independent claims have been amended and the bases for the provisional rejection are thus moot.

### **IV. New Claim 12**

It is respectfully submitted that claim 12 is allowable for at least the same reasons described above. Furthermore, Shirota fails to disclose a liquid crystal display having color filters that continuously extend beyond the area of each of a plurality of dots and into contact with the color filters at adjacent dots, as recited in independent claim 12.

### **V. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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